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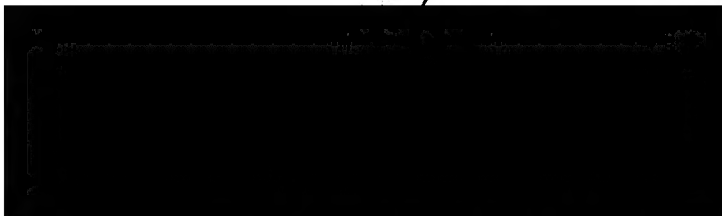
      Thank you for your letter to
Mr. Dulles and the enclosed copy of
your "Impressions of California".

      Your thoughts on the Middle
East situation were very interesting,
and we appreciate your taking the time
to write us.

                Sincerely,

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My dear Mr. Dulles:

Please read this letter when you are not too busy — and will you enjoy giving it a good, blessed thought?

For many months I have been speaking at social gatherings about conditions in Egypt, Syria, Lebanon & Iraq, and stating facts about personalities in those countries.

Because what I have been telling about those countries of the Middle East differed from what all newspapers state, often incorrectly, several of my friends, and others, have been urging me to write to you, or to your Brother, our great Secretary of State — for

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and ask divine guidance whenever
thinking of him and his prodigious
activities.

I was born in Syria, in one
of the oldest Christian families.
Came to this country half a cen-
tury ago, and have been an Am-
erican citizen since 1914.

About that time, in New
York, I was editor & publisher
of an excellent Arabic magazine.

Since coming out here in 1922
I enjoyed entertaining a number
of prominent visitors from Middle
East countries, showing them
many places in this great State,
including wondrous Yosemite;
and they have been corresponding
with me ever since they re-
turned home. So I have been
getting first-hand information

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written truthfully in good Arabic.

The most hated man in those countries was Iraq's tyrant, Nuri As-Said — that name should be written Noory As-Sa-eed نوري السعيد. What happened in Bagdad a few weeks ago was expected to take place any time for months.

I wonder if you know how Lebanon's Chamoun is regarded by those who know him well, and have known him for many years!

By the way, his name should be written Kemeel Sham-oon, not Camille Ch - - - , that is much more like his Arabic name كميل شمعون .

When he became president he owed a number of people various amounts, but in a few years his wealth was estimated by several million dollars, to which he helped himself from his country's treasury. Some of his old friends consider him disloyal, treacherous, avaricious

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...and a Christian only in name.

A journalist, N. Almainy, who continued to criticize him after he was warned ...., was assassinated last May in Beirut. Dr. Chas. Malek, who is well known at the U.N., is looked upon in his country as a "hypocrite".

I know a great deal about Abdul Nasser (This name, عبد الناصر, means "servant of God"; Nasser being one of the 100 arabic names for God, Allah). He is very much unlike all Arab leaders who live in palaces and spend tens of millions building them, like King Saud... A group of Egyptians, who were educated in England, advise him, and he is the best among them to face and address a crowd either in classical arabic or in their common way of speaking it. "Nasser" is not a dictator; I am convinced that his aim is to improve the poor conditions of the people in Egypt — most of

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I wish I could spend couple hours with you explaining the whole situation of the Arabs, clearly describing their traits and ways. They can be easily convinced that the U.S. is so much superior to Russia, and is the best nation in the world for them to look up to.

But, as you know, they have been thinking and feeling that "John Foster Dulles & the U.S. have no good feelings for them and no sympathy"..... I have written letters to editors of papers & magazines in three cities in Syria cogently refuting that false idea — and, also, denying the accusations that "The Negro is still a slave in the U.S.A.", and "...it was the U.S. who created Israel"...

You know, of course, that the people of Asia, including the Chinese, do feel for the Arabs, who are (90%) Moslems. For this, among

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for the 2d I tak [be] everything possible to win the feelings and friendships of all the Arabic speaking people. That can be done! I believe that if Mr. J. F. will write a few letters showing a friendly attitude he can magically influence and win the hearts of the leaders to whom he sends those letters;

And I wish I could take his letter to "Nasser" myself, and sit with him and his advisers, and cogently tell them in the clearest and best of Arabic that "John Foster Dulles and the U.S. Government, undoubtedly, do have far better wishes for their well-being than the Russians do..."!

No one can speak, or write, about this blessed country and the tangible and unseen virtues of its people better than

foreign-born American

or can be, more appreciative of this country, or more grateful to its people than I am!

If there is anything I can do for you in any of those Middle East countries — please let me know. I am sure I can secure for you the most accurate information. People over there will receive and treat me as one of _them_, not as an American reporter, or diplomat, or tourist.

Hoping you'll enjoy the enclosed California pictures — and verse. Similar copies have gone to all the states, and to many foreign countries. I sent a specially-made copy to "General" and Mrs. Eisenhower in 1952 c/o Columbia University, with a few lines of good wishes, which were acknowledged in a really beautiful letter sent from Augusta after the election of that year.

I am, yours with genuine sincerity,

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This is a personal letter for Mr. Dulles.

Mr. Allen W. Dulles

Director of

U. S. Central Intelligence Agency,

Washington,

D. C.

Impressions of California

Hand-Colored Photograph

A greeting from Southern California

to

Mr. Allen Dulles
with my best thoughts
and wishes—

R. Samoura

August 18, 58

Impressions of California

By N. Nassere

November, 1949

A land so varied! rarely green;
A land of beauty, classic and sublime;
Spacious, splendid, lush, serene,
With regal plumes covering earth.
It's California! land of love;
The Golden State is a gorgeous robe;
Radiance travels with her name,
To all the lands around the globe.

A thousand miles it is in length,
Full every mile of beauty and cheer.
Her eternal mountains rise in strength
Above the clouds and all severe.
Snow from mountain greets her citrus
While the sun radiates her fields.
And palm and oak and eucalyptus
Bask with cheering tumbleweeds.

Her cities, towns, resorts untold
In hills and valleys in her lap.
Quaint names of saints, or regions bold,
Soft fiery colors and grace her map.
With Spanish names of olden times,
And those with meanings fitting, plain.
On highways, too, are titles abundant,
Names that sound concordant, soothing.

Hail among them Santa Rosa,
Pasadena, Mariposa,
Capistrano, Palo Alto,
San Fernando, Santa Paula,
Santa Barbara, Del Mar,
San Diego and La Jolla,
Los Angeles and Palomar!

A State of canyons, bays and mesas,
Forests, vines, domes of mind,
Joshua trees and Redwood greens,
Great Sequoias, shrubs for mirth,
Wild flowers, like a breeze,
Vineyards and the fruits of Syria,
Such as olives, figs, cherries,
Pomegranates, pears and berries.

Her reality, luscious dates excel
Here canyons in her owners seen.
Like symbols on a golden plaque,
The highest mount in all the states,
Majestic Whitney, views the land,
Changing hue which fascinates
In Idaho Death Valley—reddish-brown.

Mount San Jacinto, Palm Springs,
Volcanic Lassen, quaint Carmel
And on they go, so many things
In speaking of them one can tell.
Imperial Valley, Salton Sea,
Lake Arrowhead, Calexico,
In like state there's much to see
From Oregon to Mexico.

As to mineral Yosemite,
I cannot with but loose, to speak;
In lake Sierra region grander
And scenic wonders abound!
People marvel as they wander,
Beholding views that do astound!

Colossal trees, Glacier Point,
The waterfalls at dazzling heights,
El Capitan, of granite front,
All of these are wondrous sights.
The mountains, these which it surround,
Spectacular, glorious found.
Panoramas only here can be found.*

Of California, State of Missions,
Garden of flowers of thee;
I come, so loud, set on impressions,
Her North and South and Coast and Center.
Majestic views wholly cheery,
I have I seen with keen delight!
And very well do I remember
All I saw by day or night.

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